

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER  
of HEALTH for the URBAN DISTRICT of DRIFFIELD  
for the year, 1943.

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GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1943:-

1: General Statistics: Area (acres) 2420. Average number of persons per inhabited building . Total number of separate occupiers 1875. Rateable Value £28,626. Sum represented by a penny rate £112.12.8d.

2: Extracts from vital statistics: The Registrar General estimates the resident population at 6,555.

Births: During the year there were 137 births registered (70 males and 67 females) compared with 121 (59 males and 62 females) last year. Legitimate 122 (57 males and 65 females). Illegitimate 15 (13 males and 2 females). The birth rate was 20.91 per 1000. Last year it was 18.18 For England and Wales the birth rate was 16.5 per 1000 total population. Still births in the District 2 (1 legitimate male and 1 illegitimate female)

Deaths: During the year there was 103 deaths (61 males and 42 females) The death rate was 15.72 per 1000. Last year the death rate was 10.27 per 1000. The number of deaths of infants under 1 year was 4 (3 males and 1 female), the death rate of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births was 29.2. For England and Wales it was 49 per 1000.

The causes of death were:-

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Cerebro-spinal fever.	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of resp.system.	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other forms.	-	-	-
Cancer, all forms.	13.	9.	4.
Diabetes.	1.	-	1.
Inter-cranial vascular lesions.	13.	9.	4.
Heart Disease.	32.	18.	14.
Other Diseases of circ.system.	3.	2.	1.
Bronchitis.	3.	2.	1.
Pneumonia.	2.	2.	-
Syphilitic Diseases.	1.	-	1.
Other respiratory diseases.	2.	2.	-
Influenza	3.	2.	1.
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum.	-	-	-
Other Maternal Causes.	1	-	1
Other digestive diseases.	1	-	1
Nephritis.	3.	1.	2.
Premature birth.	2.	2.	-
Congenital Malformation,			
Birth Unjuries etc.	2.	1.	1.
Accident.	1.	1.	-
Other deaths from violence.	1.	-	1.
Other causes.	19.	10.	9.

Deaths of infants under 1 year (legitimate)

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3. Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1943.

	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Diphtheria.	4.	4.	-
Scarlet Fever.	7.	7.	-
Whooping Cough.	-	-	-
Measles.	220.	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1.	-	-
Pneumonia.	12.	Not known.	2.

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Other diseases generall notifiable	-	-	-
Erysipelas.	1	-	-

### TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1943.

<u>Age period.</u>	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
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The efficiency of notification of Tuberculosis in the area is well maintained.

4. An association has now been set up in the town known as the Driffield Nursing Association by whom a full-time nurse is employed whose services are available to subscribers.

In addition on C.M.B. nurse is working in the District.

Maternity and Child Welfare:-There is a Home in Driffield with 12 beds for lying-in cases. There is also a Maternity Ward in the Driffield Public Assistance Institution.

#### Diphtheria - Immunisation.

The number of children undergoing immunisation against Diphtheria remains at a consistently high level and it is estimated that of the children in the town of school age and under, about 73.7% have received treatment.

Tuberculosis Clinics: Clinic belonging to County Council available once a week in Beverley.

Mental Diseases Clinic: Weekly at East Riding Mental Hospital, Beverley.

Orthopaedic cases: Clinic monthly at Maternity Home, Driffield.

Veneral Diseases treated in Hull Royal Infirmary and York County Hospital free of charge.

Bacteriological Examinations carried out at the Scarborough North Riding Laboratory and the Laboratory at the Driffield Base Hospital.

Hospitals. The Sanatorium at Raywell belonging to the County Council is open to the district and East Riding generally. There is an Isolation Hospital for infectious diseases at Driffield open to the East Riding.

Small-pox. The County Council has a Smallpox Hospital at Shipton for the whole district. There is a Motor Ambulance kept in Driffield for cases of infectious diseases.

Ambulances. Whilst no ambulance service is provided by the local authority, a whole-time C.D. ambulance has been made available for accident cases and there is also a privately owned ambulance in the town.

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13. Canal Boats inspected.

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I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(John W. Thomas)

*John W. Thomas*  
Medical Officer of Health.

1st September, 1944.

